



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

1966

Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council

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Public Health Inspector:
J. E. MOSS, A.R.S.H.

Topography

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Area 1,039 acres

Area of Water 18 acres

CLIMATE

Exposed: Atmosphere damp.

Prevailed Winds: Westerly, South Westerly.

Annual Rainfall: Average 50 inches.

SOIL

Moorland Clay.

RIVERS

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the surface water run off from the area.

CANALS

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal runs east to west and divides the district into two halves.

INDUSTRIES

Brick-making, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Carborundum Products, Light Engineering.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Population Census, 1961	6,440
Population Estimate, mid 1966	6,340
Rateable Value, 1966/67	£236,675
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1966/67	£928
Number of Inhabited houses Census, 1931	2,101
Number of Inhabited houses according to Rate Book, 1966	2,254
Average Number of Persons per house	2.81
Number of Uninhabited Houses	43

CENSUS OF POPULATION

Year		Year	
1851	3,292	1911	8,868
1861	4,679	1921	8,579
1871	5,390	1931	7,909
1881	6,694	1941	7,034
1891	7,134	1951	6,823
1901	8,159	1961	6,440

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**To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the health of the district for 1966. This also has been delayed by the change over on the leaving of Mr. Bailey, Senior Public Health Inspector.

Mr. Bailey had in a quiet and unassuming way done steady, good work in the district and I had always valued the co-operation of a pleasant and efficient colleague.

Towards the end of the year the programme for clearance of unfit houses was received, and progress in this important matter is hoped for.

I thank the Clerk of the Council and Mr. J. E. Moss, Public Health Inspector, for their continued co-operation, and yourself, Mr. Chairman, and the Council for their invariable interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	47	44	91
Illegitimate	6	3	9
	53	47	100

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	15.8
Adjusted	16.9

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	NIL	2
Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
	2	NIL	2

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births 19.6

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	38	42	80

Mortality Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	12.6
Adjusted	13.6

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

(England and Wales) 11.7

INFANT MORTALITY

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
Deaths of Infants						
Under 1 year of age	1	1	—	1	1	—
Under 4 weeks of age	—	—	—	1	1	—
Under 1 week of age	—	—	—	1	1	—

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	20
Neo-Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	20
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	20
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	29.4

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1966	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	—	3
Diabetes	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	8	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	17	14	31
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	1	1
Other Heart Disease	2	4	6
Other Circulatory Disease	2	—	2
Influenza	—	1	1
Pneumonia	1	—	1
Bronchitis	—	2	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	1	2
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	1	3	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	—	2
All Other Accidents	2	—	2
Suicide	2	—	2
TOTALS	38	42	80

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year but 1 death occurred from Respiratory Tuberculosis.

The number of cases at present on the register is :—

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Number of Cases on the Register at 31/12/66	7	2	9	—	—	—
Mortality Rate per 1,000 est. population, Respiratory T.B.	0.16					

During the year no cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register.

The Tuberculosis Service for the area is administered by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of Infectious Diseases, other than Tuberculosis, notified during the year 1966.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES ALL AGES	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS IN HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Measles	16	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne) ...	2	1	—	—
Acute Pneumonia (Infl) ...				
Whooping Cough				
Food Poisoning				
Pueperal Pyrexia				
Total	18	1	—	—

HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE AREA

The following services are provided by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council, 19 St. James Street, Accrington. Telephone No. Accrington 34223.

Divisional Medical Officer of Health: Dr. R. C. Webster.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A new station was opened during the year and is situated in the adjacent parish of Altham.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

The clinic is situated in Church Street, Clayton-le-Moors.
 Infant Welfare — Wednesday and Thursday, 2—4 p.m.
 Ante and Post Natal — Tuesday, 9-30—11-30 a.m.
 Chiropody — Daily (by appointment)

The clinic also provides a local centre for the Home Help Service, and the Home Nursing Service.

A loan equipment service for wheel chairs and other nursing requisitions are also provided.

DAY NURSERY

This is situated in Atlas Street and is equipped to cater for 50 children. A charge is made according to the financial circumstances of the parents, the maximum being 11/- per day.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

The routine medical examination of school children was carried out as usual.

The School Clinic is situated at Rishton and provides for the treatment of minor ailments, orthopaedic, ophthalmic and dental clinics.

HOSPITALS

There are no hospitals or nursing homes situated within the Urban District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

All samples for bacteriological examination are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston.

I am grateful to the Council's Public Health Inspector, Mr. J. E. Moss, who commenced his duties on the 1st July, 1966, for the following section of this report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Calder Water Board are the Statutory Undertaking responsible for this service. The Board make frequent routine bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water supplied. The water is a good quality upland surface water. The amount of fluoride present is negligible.

The quantity of water available at source is sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the area. The quantity of water available at the domestic tap is poor in many cases, the reason being that nearly all the older types of terraced houses have a joint lead service pipe, designed originally to supply a domestic cold tap only. With the conversion of Waste Water Closets to Fresh Water Closets and the installation of bathrooms the supply has, in some cases become inadequate.

Drainage and Sewage

The disposal of sewage is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board. The system of disposal consists of sedimentation and filtration with an outfall to the River Calder.

The sewerage system extends throughout the whole of the district, with the exception of a few isolated farms and twelve houses on the eastern boundary of the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

This was the major Public Health problem facing the Council during the year. The refuse collection service was at the beginning of this year, and had been for some time, very irregular, the frequency of collection varying from some seven to ten working days depending on weather and labour conditions.

A complete re-organisation of the collection schedules was effected and in September it became possible to secure a weekly refuse collection service for the whole of the district. One additional workman was then employed in order to maintain this service, bringing the total of employees to six men and a driver.

At the end of the year the weekly collection schedule was being easily maintained.

Salvage Collected and Sold during the year

	Weight			Value		
	Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	41	4	3	319	5	9

The salvage bonus paid to the refuse collection employees was increased from 5 per cent to 10 per cent during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

On the 1st April, the Council signed a contract with a major servicing company for the provision of "Rodent and Pest Control" service for all premises and land in their ownership, all domestic premises for which the Council had previously provided a free treatment service, and for the biennial treatment of the Council's sewerage system.

The fee paid by the Council is £235 per annum and, in addition to the sewer treatments, the Company Operative calls at the Health Department on two occasions per week to collect any complaints. Emergency treatments can be carried out by contacting the company by telephone.

In the initial stages the service appears to be working satisfactorily, and has relieved the department of the major difficulty of providing and maintaining trained Rodent Operators on the low budget obtainable in a small authority.

The following table summarises the work carried out :—

Properties other than sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	3,081	10
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	145	4
Number infested by (i) Rats	59	4
(ii) Mice	28	—
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	20	3
Number infested by (i) Rats	7	1
(ii) Mice	4	—

No sewers were infested by rats during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Total number of Public Health Visits	2,106
Total number of Nuisances or Defects noted	45
Total number of Nuisances or Defects remedied	34
Total number of Informal Notices served	16
Total number of Statutory Notices served	NIL

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Total number of Fresh Water Closets	2,397
Total number of Waste Water Closets	677
Total number of Pail Closets	2

As there are approximately 2,254 dwelling houses in the district the percentage of dwellings dependent on Waste Water Closets is at present 28%

In probably 3% of these dwellings an internal Fresh Water Closet may also be in existence.

During the year the Council raised the subsidy grant paid for conversions of this type of closet from £10 to £12 10s. 0d. (Section 47, Public Health Act, 1936.)

The number of this type of closet converted during the year was 71. The conversion of Waste Water Closets is becoming an increasing problem and difficulties are being experienced in getting plumbers to undertake this offensive task, particularly when a blockage occurs.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections carried out.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	47	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	57	78	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - worker's premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	74	125	—	—

No defects arose during the course of these inspections.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following table summarises the work carried out during the year.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises regis- tered during the year (1)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a visit during the year (4)
Offices	NIL	17	2
Retail shops	NIL	30	6
Wholesale shops, ware- houses	NIL	3	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	NIL	9	2
Fuel storage depots	NIL	2	—
TOTAL	NIL	61	10

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS MADE BY
INSPECTOR TO REGISTERED PREMISES — 71

HOUSING

This is the main public health problem that this local authority has to contend with.

The low environmental living conditions are due to the fact that probably a considerable percentage of this district's total housing stock was erected before 1890.

Some discussion, by the Council, has taken place during the year and a tentative list of 141 properties was drawn up, at the close of the year, to be inspected during the following year, with a view to these properties being dealt with under the Housing Act, 1957.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1966

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority	—	—
(ii) By other local authorities	—	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	6	—

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	29
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	87
(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) Number found during the year	—
(b) Number (or estimate number) at end of year	32
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	29
2. Houses Demolished	NIL
Not in Clearance Areas.	
(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under other statutory powers	—
3. Unfit Houses Close	NIL

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :—

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority	22	—
(ii) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	—	—
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957) —

	¹ No. of Houses	² No of separate dwellings contained in Col. 1
Position at end of year:		
(i) Retained for temporary accom- modation		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 17(2)	—	—
(c) Under Section 46	—	—
(ii) Licensed for temporary accom- modation under Section 34 or 53 .	—	—

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement —

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order, purchased during the year —

STANDARD GRANTS (House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959) —

	No. of Schemes	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority	36	36
(b) Approved by Local Authority	36	36
(c) Completed	31	31

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat and other foods. The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughter-houses in the district.

A small quantity of meat and tinned foodstuff were disposed of after voluntary surrender by their owners during the year.

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream	30
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream	2

Preserved Foods

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods	6
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 — Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

Section 1

Nil

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There are no smoke control areas in operation in the district at the present time.

